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For: OSMOTIC DELIVERY SYSTEM, )  
OSMOTIC DELIVERY SYSTEM )  
SEMIPERMEABLE BODY ASSEMBLY, )  
AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING )  
DELIVERY RATE OF BENEFICIAL )  
AGENTS FROM OSMOTIC DELIVERY )  
SYSTEMS )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified Continuation Application, please amend  
the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add Claims 63-66.

63. (New) The osmotic delivery system plug according to Claim 7, wherein the  
semipermeable body is a unitary, one piece member.

64. (New) The osmotic delivery system plug according to Claim 7, further comprising an insert positioned in the hollow interior portion.

65. (New) The osmotic delivery system plug according to Claim 64, wherein the insert has a longitudinal length substantially equal to a depth of the hollow interior portion.

66. (New) The osmotic delivery system plug according to Claim 64, wherein the insert has a size and shape which substantially matches a size and shape of the hollow interior portion of the semipermeable body.

**REMARKS**

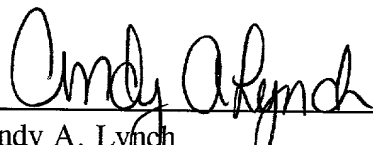
The foregoing amendments to add new Claims 63-66 have been made to further define the protection to which Applicants are entitled.

In the event there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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